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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/584,028

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For: INDUCTION OF MYOCARDIAL CELL FROM
MAMMALIAN BONE-MARROW CELL OR
CORD BLOOD-DERIVED CELL AND FAT
TISSUE

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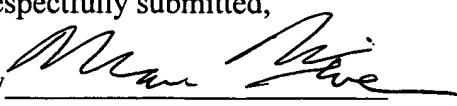
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 (PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION**

International filing date (day/month/year)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PH-2354-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/019666	International filing date (day/month/year) 21 December 2004 (21.12.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 25 December 2003 (25.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY LICENSING ORGANIZATION LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
PCT/JP2004/019666

Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- a sequence listing
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- in written format
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4. Additional comments:

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8</u>
	Claims	<u>9-11</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____
	Claims	<u>1-11</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>
	Claims	_____
2. Citations and explanations:		
<p>Document 1: WO 01/48150 A1 (Kyowa Hakko Co Ltd), 05 July 2001 & AU 200110552 A & US 2002/0142457 A1</p> <p>Document 2: WO 01/48151 A1 (Kyowa Hakko Co Ltd), 05 July 2001 & AU 200122281 A & EP 1254952 A1</p>		
<p><u>Claims 9-11</u></p> <p>The inventions described in claims 9-11 do not appear to possess novelty or to involve an inventive step over documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Documents 1 and 2 describe a method for screening for factors which induce differentiation into heart muscle cells using heart muscle cells and muscle cells obtained by differentiating cells having the capacity to differentiate into heart muscle cells isolated from bone marrow or umbilical cord-blood.</p>		
<p><u>Claims 1-8</u></p> <p>The inventions described in claims 1-8 do not appear to involve an inventive step over documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1 (claim 150) and document 2 (claim 91) describe a method for differentiation-inducing into heart muscle cells, wherein a culture supernatant and various cytokines of cells capable of differentiating into fat cells are used.</p> <p>A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of using a culture of fat cells with the object of adding differentiating factors such as unidentified cytokines, based on the fact that cells which differentiate into fat cells are also included in the culture supernatant.</p>		